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San Jose, California
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D. C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed on May 1, 2001, serial number 09/847,444. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits in the above-captioned case. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

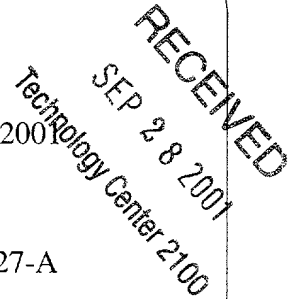
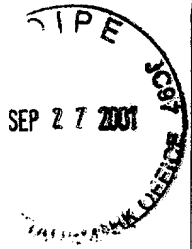
AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 1, line 11 with the following replacement paragraph.

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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), Attachment B contains marked up versions of the replacement paragraphs illustrating the newly introduced changes in the specification.

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REMARKS

The amendments made are not substantive and are made to reflect the correct inventors' names for the parent application and a related application and to provide the related application serial number. Applicants respectfully request that the requested amendments be entered.

If there are any questions, please call the undersigned at (512) 794-3600.

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ATTACHMENT B

In the following, insertions are bold typeface and underlined, and deletions are in bold typeface and enclosed in brackets.

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